

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
April 18, 2022

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The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

Members present: Supervisor Jancek, Clerk Sercombe, Treasurer Preston, and Trustees: Ambs, Thomas, Pack, and Williams.

Members absent:

Public Attendance: 12 people were in attendance. *Sign-in sheet is on file in the Clerk's Office.*

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. **Ray Snell, County Commissioner**
 - a. Tentative road schedule
 - i. Been receiving tons of calls
 - b. Tomorrow night is the county board meeting
 - i. Looking to get easements along the airport and cut down trees
 - c. Region II Master Plan
 - d. Fencing is going up around Keely Park
2. **David Elwell, Blackman Resident**
 - a. Poor Farm Cemetery
 - i. May 14 at noon – Unveiling of historical marker
 - ii. Number of us have been cleaning up the cemetery

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

1. No additions/deletions.

MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes/corrections.
Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 21, 2022.
Unanimously approved by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 3/04/22 in the amount of \$171,247.44 and for 3/18/22 in the amount of \$182,368.55.
- 2: Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of March 2022.
Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe
Roll Call: Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Sercombe, Ambs, Williams
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Lots of calls on road conditions
 - a. Asphalt stores open at the end of the month to patch areas
2. Jeff Bachus has resigned from Planning Commissions due to health concerns
 - a. Vacancies on Planning Commissions and Zoning Board of Appeals
3. Road Millage and costs
 - a. We are planning to send a letter to Shotwell and Kline to budget properly to complete millage project in a timely fashion.
4. Gerdau will be partnering with DDA to help clean up Boardman Rd. for Earth Day on Friday.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

- *No news to report.*

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Election: May 3rd. Precinct 5 with Western Schools
 - a. Accuracy Test was completed on April 4th
 - b. We will be open 8-4pm on April 30th to issue absentee ballots
2. Cemetery Clean-Up on May 7th at 10am. with the Boy Scouts

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Deputy Director Grajewski and Director Jester went to Minnesota to check on the firetruck that is being built.
 - a. Payment has been wired to Rosenbauer. We will be given an accurate pricing in the next week.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- *No activity*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- *No activity*

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Paving Estimates for Rod Mills Park
 - a. Looking to split costs between General Fund money and ARPA money
 - b. Cost of black top have skyrocketed. We will hold off on this project once prices become more reasonable.
2. Park is currently closed while playground equipment is being installed. It will most likely be closed another week, weather permitting.
3. Parks Committee has a requirement to update their 5-year plan. Public meetings hosted in late June, early July.
 - a. Survey is currently going out for feedback from the community.
4. Looking to have "A Day in the Park" with Public Safety bringing their cars and trucks and reaching out the community to make this event happen.
5. Little League is meeting tonight to sign their yearly contract with Rod Mills Park

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. First read of the amended Cemeteries ordinance: Chapter 57, sections 57-8: *Ground Maintenance* and 57-15: *General Rules. Discussion*
 - a. Solar lights will be left if they are not in the way of mowing.
2. First read of the amended Food Truck ordinance: Chapter 55 Peddling & Soliciting, Article VIIA: Food Trucks and the amended licensing application. *Discussion*
 - a. Changing the licensing fee to \$100.00 for all businesses.
 - b. Clarifying catering between a vendor and a resident.

NEW BUSINESS

LRUA'S SRI ENDORSEMENT & AGREEMENT

Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Treasurer Preston to authorize the supervisor to sign the LRUA's Southern Regional Interceptor (SRI) Endorsement and Agreement.
Unanimously approved by voice vote

**KATHLEEN
WIGGINS**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to appoint Kathleen Wiggins to the Board of Review, term ending December 31, 2022.

Roll Call: Preston, Williams, Thomas, Ambs, Pack, Sercombe, Jancek
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

**2017
ROSENBAUER
FIRETRUCK
DEBT PAY-OFF**

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the supervisor to pay off remaining debt on the 2017 Rosenbauer Firetruck for the price of \$247,796.82.

Roll Call: Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Sercombe, Preston, Pack, Williams
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

• **BILLS**

Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 4/05/22 in the amount of \$1,245,738.74 and Board Invoice Report dated 3/16/22 in the amount of \$1,699,367.64.

Roll Call: Williams, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Sercombe, Pack
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

2. **Ray Snell, County Commissioner**
 - a. The money we get for roads through Act 51 is getting \$150k-\$200k less per month
 - b. ARPA money should be expended as quick as possible, especially on things like the roads
3. **Gary Schuette, Jackson County Sherriff**
Anthony Stewart, Captain of the Wesley St. Jail
 - a. County Jail Millage
 - i. Located downtown
 - ii. Presentation Slides of Chanter Rd and Wesley St facilities in comparison
 1. Security concerns with Wesley St. facility
 2. Technology and Structural concerns
 3. Design concerns
 4. Heating and cooling
 5. Plumbing problems
 - b. Looking to renovate the Wesley St. facility to mimic the Chanter Rd. facility
 - c. If we need to build another facility, we are looking to build on Chanter Rd.
4. **Sam Durocher, Owner of Tiki Sams Pizza (Food Truck Vendor)**
 - a. Please look at a couple of different things in ordinance
 - i. 1000ft rule – as a caterer, I looked to see how that would affect my business
 - ii. Would I still be in affect of this if McDonalds was across the street?
 - b. I am also asked to cater weddings, project graduations, etc. How does that look for a food truck?
5. **Phil Sczykutowicz, Northwest High School Assistant Principal**
 - a. Thank you for taking the opportunity to review this ordinance for us this year
 - b. Let's take this opportunity to expand for a larger jail, larger public safety, etc.
 - c. Sorry for not bringing the 1000-foot rule to you, Phil P. as a concern

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. **Trustee Williams**
 - a. Region II update Pete?
 - i. Supervisor Jancek: I will email you the update I have from them.

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.


Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk

